

August 21, 2002

The Honorable William F. Winter  
Watkins Ludlam Winter & Stennis, P.A.  
P.O. Box 427  
Jackson, MS 39205-0427

Dear Governor Winter:

It is my pleasure to invite your participation in a special session of a pivotal conference on the future of the South. On June 1-3, 2003 in Biloxi, I will serve as host to the Southern Growth Policies Board's 31<sup>st</sup> annual conference. The conference will explore issues of leadership and citizen engagement that are critical in bringing about positive change in our states and communities.

We would like you to participate in a town meeting discussion about leadership as part of a select panel of governors and other key Southern leaders. Your well-deserved reputation for leadership in the South will give this topic the prominence it deserves. The session will also provide an opportunity for you to discuss the findings of MDC's *Mississippi: A Sense of Urgency* report as they relate to issue of leadership.

Please feel free to call Jim Clinton, Southern Growth's executive director, for further details on the conference. He can be reached at (919) 941-5145. We hope that you will be able to participate in this important meeting, and look forward to your response.

Very truly yours,

RONNIE MUSGROVE

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Susan V. Berresford  
President  
Ford Foundation  
320 East 43rd Street  
New York, NY 10017

Dear Ms. Berresford:

On behalf of the governors of 13 states and Puerto Rico, I would like to invite you to be a keynote speaker at a pivotal conference on leadership and citizen engagement in the South. The conference, scheduled for June 1-3, 2003, in Biloxi, Mississippi, will attract some 400 of the South's top leaders from the worlds of business, academia and public service.

This conference will explore leadership issues that are critical in bringing about positive change in our states and communities. Given the Ford Foundation's longstanding commitment to leadership, we believe that you would bring invaluable experience and insight to our discussions at this conference.

The conference is being organized by the Southern Growth Policies Board, for which I serve as chairman. Southern Growth is a nonprofit, interstate compact composed of governors, legislators and citizen representatives from each of its member jurisdictions. Its mission is to help improve the economy and quality of life in the South through dialog and collaboration among a wide cross-section of the region's policy and program leaders. (See [www.southern.org](http://www.southern.org).)

For additional information on the conference, please contact Jim Clinton, Southern Growth's executive director, at (919) 941-5145 or [jclinton@southern.org](mailto:jclinton@southern.org). I would be grateful if you would be part of this historic and exciting meeting on the future of the South and look forward to your response.

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Dr. Sara Meléndez  
President and CEO  
Independent Sector  
1200 Eighteenth St., NW, Suite 200  
Washington, D.C. 20036

Dear Dr. Meléndez:

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This conference will explore leadership issues that are critical in bringing about positive change in our states and communities. Given the Independent Sector's work in leadership, community building, and cross-sector collaboration, we believe that you would bring invaluable experience and insight to our discussions at this conference.

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Senator John Glenn  
The John Glenn Institute for Public Service and Public Policy  
The Ohio State University  
400 Stillman Hall  
1947 College Rd.  
Columbus, OH 43210

Dear Senator Glenn:

On behalf of the governors of 13 states and Puerto Rico, I would like to invite you to give a keynote address on the findings and recommendations of the National Commission on Service-Learning at a pivotal conference on leadership and citizen engagement in the South. The conference, scheduled for June 1-3, 2003, in Biloxi, Mississippi, will attract some 400 of the South's top leaders from the worlds of business, academia and public service.

This conference will explore leadership issues that are critical in bringing about positive change in our states and communities, including the need to develop a sense of civic responsibility among our youth. We would welcome your ideas about how we can strengthen educational achievement and at the same time encourage young people to take an active role in civic life. This would help to link our efforts to raise the quality of our education systems with our interests in civic engagement. I know our region's public and private leaders would warmly receive your insights on these topics.

The conference is being organized by the Southern Growth Policies Board, for which I serve as chairman. Southern Growth, which was formed by the Southern governors in 1971, is a nonprofit, interstate compact composed of governors, legislators and citizen representatives from each of its member jurisdictions. Its mission is to help improve the economy and quality of life in the South through dialog and collaboration among a wide cross-section of the region's policy and program leaders. (See [www.southern.org](http://www.southern.org).)

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President Jimmy Carter  
Habitat for Humanity International  
1010 Vermont Ave., Suite 900  
Washington, D.C. 20005

Dear President Carter:

On behalf of the governors of 13 states and Puerto Rico, I would like to invite you to give a keynote address on Habitat for Humanity's role in engaging citizens to strengthen their communities. The conference, scheduled for June 1-3, 2003, in Biloxi, Mississippi, will attract some 400 of the South's top leaders from the worlds of business, academia and public service.

This conference will explore leadership and citizen engagement issues that are critical to the future of our region. I know our region's public and private leaders would warmly receive your insights on these topics.

The conference is being organized by the Southern Growth Policies Board, for which I serve as chairman, as you did in 1974. As you know, Southern Growth is a nonprofit, interstate compact composed of governors, legislators and citizen representatives from each of its member jurisdictions. Its mission is to develop policies and strategies to help improve the economy and quality of life in the South. (See [www.southern.org](http://www.southern.org).)

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